GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1230
ANSWERED ON:26.11.2001
AIR LIFTING OF HAJ PILGRIMS
CHANDRA NATH SINGH;RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Haj Pilgrimage undertaken by Indian Muslims;

(b) Whether the Air India has been directed by his Ministry to lift only 40,000 such passengers against the average 70,000 Hajis; and

(c) if so, the other arrangements, proposed to be made by the Government for Air lifting of all such passengers from the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN)

(a): During Haj-2001 movement 71,215 haj pilgrims performed haj.
(b) and (c): It is expected that 70,500 pilgrims will undertake haj pilgrimage during Haj-2002 movement. Out of the 70,500 haj pilgrims, Air India and Indian Airlines are likely to transport approximately 40,000 pilgrims from India to Jeddah and 30,500 pilgrims are likely to be transported by the Saudi Arabian Airlines.